employed to detect illegal infiltrators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Government is aware of the problem of foreign nationals residing illegally in the country. There is a large number of Bangladeshi nationals, overstaying in different States in the country. The majority of them enter the country surreptitiously and mingle easily with the local population, because of the ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) 48 Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended while crossing the border in Bikaner Sector of Rajasthan on 23rd July, 1993.

(c) Besides a number of administrative measures, Government have initiated several steps to check illegal infiltration of foreign nationals. These include intensified patrolling of the border by paramilitary forces, enforcement of Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners Scheme in the North Eastern States, fencing of vulnerable stretches along the International border, computerisation of visa system and issue of identity cards to the Indian citizens in the border districts which are prone to infiltration etc. There are also standing instructions to State Governments/UT Administrations to detect and deport Bangladeshi nationals who are staying illegally in the country. 3656 posts have also been sanctioned to assist the State Governments for the detection and deportation of illegal immigrants.

Meeting of Important Personalities on J & K

2911. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State of Internal Security held a meeting recently with some important personalities of the country to discuss the Kashmir situation, if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard and

(b) the names of persons attending the said meeting and the details of the consensus arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) An exercise for holding informal discussions and consultations with eminent persons who have been associated in the past years with diverse problems affecting the security situation in the country has been initiated by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The first such meeting was recently held by Minister of State for Internal Security.

The focus of discussions in this meeting was mainly on Jammu and Kashmir. The participants while outlining their own perceptions of the situation, were of the view that efforts to contain militancy and infiltration from across the border should be further intensified, the local administration should be systematically activised and made visibly accountable and responsive, there should be greater transparency on efforts in regard to human rights issues, developmental activities should be stepped up with the involvement and participation of people at the grass roots levels and effective steps should be taken to expose and counter the false and mischievous propoganda campaign being carried out by Pakistan and other vested interests against the country.

Sardar Swaran Singh, Field Marshal SHFJ Manekshaw, Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh, S/ Shri T. N. Kaul, S. Nihal Singh, Hokishe Sema, M. K. Narayanan, Pran Chopra, B. G. Verghese, S. K. Singh and Abid Hussain, participated in this meeting.

संस्थाओं द्वारा प्राप्त की गई विदेशी सहायता

2912. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष, 1992-93 के दौरान सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी संस्थाओं को विदेशों से कितनी सहायता राशि प्राप्त हुई;

(ख) ऐसी सहायता प्राप्त करने वाली संस्थाओं और व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या क्या है तथा सहायता की धनराशि कितनी-कितनी है; और

(ग) ऐसी सहायता किन-किन देशों से प्राप्त हुई ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) से (ग) विदेशी अभिदाय (विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1976 के उपबंधों की शर्तों के अनुसार, अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत आने वाली संस्थाओं से विदेशी अभिदाय प्राप्त करने के संबंध में सूचना मई, 1993 तक प्राप्त होनी थी, परन्तु सूचना सभी से प्राप्त नहीं हुई है । अत: वर्ष 1992-93 के लिए विदेशी अभिदाय के अन्तिम आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

आजमगढ़ जिले के पुलिस थानों के विरुद्ध शिकायत

2913. श्री मुहम्मद मसूद खान : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :